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**TO: BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY, ELECTROLOGY SCHOOLS,  
AND APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM SPONSORS**

**SUBJECT: EXAMINATION SERVICES FOR THE COSMETOLOGY PRACTICAL  
EXAMINATION**

The Board of Barbering and Cosmetology (BBC) has received several inquiries from schools and students about what services they are required to do when taking the cosmetology examination. The services (and tasks) are listed on the CA Candidate Information Bulletin (CIB) for cosmetologists. These services are listed below:

- Set Up and Client Protection
- Blow Dry Styling and Thermal Curling
- Haircutting
- Chemical Waving
- Virgin Hair Lightening Application and Hair Color Retouch
- Virgin Relaxer application and Relaxer Retouch
- Basic Facial
- Manicure
- Sculptured Nail
- Hair Removal of the Eyebrows

Each license type has its own CA CIB which lists the services (and tasks) for that examination. The order of the services may not necessarily be in the same order when the candidates take their examination. Please keep in mind that the BBC can add or remove any of the services to the examination at anytime without notification. Therefore, it is important that candidates for licensure are aware of this and should be prepared to do all of the services as listed on the CA CIBs. This includes having sufficient supplies and instruments in proper working order and in sanitary condition to do all of the “core domain services” as identified on the appropriate CA CIB.

Please refer to the Board’s website at [www.barbercosmo.ca.gov](http://www.barbercosmo.ca.gov) where you will find the current CA CIB for all license types as well as other examination related documents which may help in preparing for the examination.

If you have any questions, please contact the BBC at (916) 575-7101.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer